

## MARC Field 300 for Remote Electronic Resources

At the request of GODORT Cataloging Committee, Government Printing Office, Information Dissemination, Office of Bibliographic Services (OBS) staff evaluated the current GPO cataloging practice for entering information for electronic resources in the MARC 300 field. This review covered an analysis of treatment for remote monographs and serials files following new instructions in the AACR2 2002 Rev., 2004 update (iteration) and new OBS internal policies. Below is OBS' proposal for implementing changes to existing GPO cataloging practice.

### BACKGROUND

AACR2, 2002 Rev. rule 9.5C3 now instructs catalogers to include the extent of item and other details (i.e. file type) in bibliographic records for remote electronic resources. (To date, AACR2, 2002 Rev., rule 12.5 has not been changed to apply the instructions in AACR2, 2002 Rev. rule 9.5C3 to serials.)

These new AACR2 2002 Rev. instructions completely reverse all past AACR2 instructions pertaining to the recording of the extent of item and other details in records for remote electronic monographs. Prior to the issuance of the AACR2, 2002, Revision, 2004 update, 300 fields were not included in AACR2 records for remote electronic resources.

The AACR2 rules and the CONSER Cataloging Manual, Module 31 instructions for the extent of item for remote electronic resources serials has not been changed.

### PROPOSAL

The following examples illustrate 300 field entries for electronic resources. OBS is proposing to extend these rules to serials and has contacted the Library of Congress' Serial Record Division regarding the possibility of constructing 300 fields similar to the examples below for GPO contributed CONSER records.

#### PDF files only:

Under these new instructions, the extent of item and other details for a remote PDF file would be recorded as shown in the following example:

Monographs: > 300 \$a xiii, 69 p. : \$b digital, PDF file (AACR2 example)

Serials: > 300 \$a v. : \$b digital, PDF file (Proposed local GPO practice)

HTML files only:

Under these new instructions, the extent of item and other details for a remote HTML file would be recorded as shown in the following example:

Monographs: > 300 \$a 1 electronic text : \$b HTML file

Serials: > 300 \$a electronic text : \$b HTML file

Combination HTML and PDF document:

Monographs: > 300 \$a 1 electronic text, xiii, 69 p. : \$b HTML, digital, PDF file  
(AACR2 example)

Serials: > 300 \$a electronic text, v. : \$b HTML, digital, PDF file  
(Proposed local GPO practice)

**COMMENTS**

GPO is soliciting feedback from the GODORT cataloging community concerning this proposal. Please direct your comments to: Ms. Jennifer Davis, Manager, Bibliographic Control Section, Office of Bibliographic Services, [jkdavis@gpo.gov](mailto:jkdavis@gpo.gov). We request that all comments be received by July 29, 2005.

Comments will be reviewed and modifications to the GPO Cataloging Guidelines will be made accordingly and posted to the National Bibliography Web page at:  
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